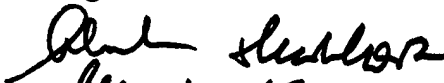


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of the so amended claims.

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Attachment: Appendices 1-3

APPENDIX 1

Changes to paragraph 0007 of the specification:

[0007] According to the invention, [this object is achieved by means of] there is provided an interchangeable tool including, in view of its normal operative position:

a fixing end located in an upper space zone, this end being arranged or configured so as to enable it to be mounted, with freedom of pivoting, on the rotor of a soil cultivating machine, such as a weeding machine or a similar machine;

a connecting portion located in an intermediate spatial zone and extending downwardly from the fixing end; and

an active portion located in a lower space zone[;].

[the] The connecting portion can advantageously have an inclined position with respect to the fixing end and the active portion, such that the latter are distant from one another, both in the vertical direction and in the horizontal direction.